



Proclamation

WHEREAS, National Careers in Construction Week is an annual week designated to increased public awareness and appreciation of the construction craft professional and the entire construction workforce; and

WHEREAS, during this week, employers, trade associations and schools are encouraged to conduct job fairs, panel discussions, and local community events to inform students of the vast employment opportunities in construction; and

WHEREAS, the construction industry is one of our nation's largest industries, employing 7.2 million individuals in the U.S. alone and the number of wage and salary jobs in the construction industry is expected to grow about 15 percent through the year 2012; and

WHEREAS, the construction industry must fill 240,000 jobs each year just to meet the growing workforce demand; and

WHEREAS, we are pleased to honor the construction craft professional and the critical role they play in the development of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Construction Education and Research was created by the construction industry to standardize training and enhance the industry image by promoting the hard work and dedication for our nation's craft professionals; and

WHEREAS, the National Center for Construction Education and Research is supported by thirty-two national associations and their state chapters, representing more than 150,000 contractor employers; and

WHEREAS, through this unprecedented partnership, the construction industry is leading the way in providing young people career opportunities while increasing the quality of the future workforce.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Kathleen Babineaux Blanco, Governor of the State of Louisiana, do hereby proclaim October 16-20, 2006, as

CAREERS IN CONSTRUCTION WEEK

in the State of Louisiana.



*Attest By
The Governor*

[Signature]
Secretary of State

*In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand officially and caused to be affixed the
Great Seal of the State of Louisiana, at the
Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this
the 27th day of September
A.D., 2006*

[Signature]
Governor of Louisiana